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ALTERNATIVE 4 INFORMATION SHEET

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TO: Individuals Requesting Information Regarding Alternative 4

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2011 - 2012 SCHOOL YEAR - CRITICAL SHORTAGE

- Comprehensive Family & Consumer Science
- Comprehensive Technology Education
- Education Technology Integrator
- English for Speakers of Other Languages
- Early Childhood Special Education
- General Special Education
- Special Education Categorical Areas:
- Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities *
- Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities*
 - Physical and Health Disabilities *
 - Specific Learning Disabilities *
- Blind and Vision Disabilities
- Deaf and Hearing Disabilities
- Library Media Specialist

- Mathematics (5-8)
- Mathematics (7-12)
- Music Teacher
- Reading and Writing Teacher
- Reading and Writing Specialist
- School Psychologist
- School Social Worker
- · Sciences:
 - Chemistry (7-12),
 - Earth/Space Science (7-12)
 - Middle School Science (5-9)
 - Physics (7-12)
- Speech Language Specialist
- World Languages (Classical and Modern)
- * Categorical Areas that require certification in General Special Education or Early Childhood Special Education.

School Business Administrator remains available through Alternative 4. All Career and Technology Specialty areas are available through Alternative 4.

Candidates applying for a Statement of Eligibility must hold a conferred Bachelors degree.

Superintendents or agency heads may hire a candidate who holds a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) to pursue Alternative IV. This document is <u>NOT</u> a teaching certificate. Once a person holding a Statement of Eligibility has been hired, the superintendent's office must enter the employment information on-line in the Educator Information System.

To determine if the candidate qualifies for a **Statement of Eligibility**, the Bureau must have the following information:

- 1. Application. Go to https://my.doe.nh.gov to set up your account and apply online.
- 2. Official transcript(s) can be send electronically directly from the college ONLY
- 3. Processing fee of \$50.00
- 4. Current work resume. can be sent as pdf file as email attachment to BOC Staff.
- 5. If applicable, copy of professional/trade license. can be sent as pdf file as email attachment to BOC Staff.

Please be advised that the requirements listed above are required for ALL AREAS. See following pages for entry level criteria and additional requirements.

Once an individual holding a Statement of Eligibility (SOE) has been employed, The SAU staff will enter the candidates employment information into the Educator Information System (EIS). The candidate or SAU staff shall download the plan materials available on the Department of Education website. http://www.education.nh.gov/certification/index.htm. The mentor is assigned by the Superintendent/Agency Head and must be an individual certified in the area of the SOE, and have at least three years teaching experience. Upon request the BOC will forward materials for the plan to any person requesting the documents.

Administrative Rule, section 513.01, stipulates that individuals seeking initial certification must document basic academic skills. This requirement applies to all alternative routes to certification. The New Hampshire State Board of Education has chosen PRAXIS I (Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) or the Computerized Pre-Professional Skills Test (CPPST) as one means of documenting basic academic skills. **See the Department of Education's website for testing information.** The basic academic skills requirement must be met before a plan will be approved and an intern license issued.

Before a candidate receives a regular credential, the subject area assessment requirement, if applicable, must be met. Praxis II, or an equivalent test, is required for the following content areas: Chemistry, Earth/Space Science, , Middle School Mathematics, Middle School Science, Physics, Secondary Mathematics, and World Languages - French, German and Spanish.

EXEMPTIONS FOR PRAXIS (Ed 513.01(b)

- (1) For PRAXIS I: Master's Degree or higher;
- (2) For PRAXIS II: Master's Degree in the content area.

PRAXIS information is available on the Educational Testing Service Website at www.ets.org/praxis or you may call the ETS toll free number 1-800-772-9476.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS for obtaining a Statement of Eligibility:

1. GENERAL INFORMATION THAT APPLIES TO ALL AREAS except Career and Technical Specialty areas:

Documentation of a bachelor's degree.

2. SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING CONTENT AREAS:

GENERAL SPECIAL EDUCATION/EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION:

- Alternative 4 candidates in General Special Education must either enroll in an approved collegiate certification
 program leading to certification in General Special Education or complete the Alternative 4 assessment and plan
 development process. This evaluation covers the grade range of K-12.
- Early Childhood Special Education evaluation covers the grade range of N-3.
- Categorical Special Education endorsement covers the grade range of K-12.
- The candidate must provide evidence of experience (resume) or coursework (transcript) in special education.

A candidate who wishes to pursue a categorical area endorsement in Emotional and Behavioral Disabilities, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Physical and Health Disabilities, or Specific Learning Disabilities, must first hold certification in General Special Education or Early Childhood Special Education.

BLIND AND VISION DISABILITIES:

 Documentation of competency – Documentation of passing at least one college course in the area of Blind and Vision disabilities

DEAF AND HEARING DISABILITIES:

Documentation of competency
 — Documentation of passing at least one college course in the area of Deaf and Hearing disabilities

MUSIC TEACHER:

- Documentation of passing two college courses in music; and/or
- Documentation of experience as a musician or other related experiences in music.

EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY INTEGRATOR:

- Documentation of passing two college courses in computer technology, or
- Employer documented work experience in computer technology.

CHEMISTRY:

Documentation of passing two college courses in chemistry, including a laboratory experience.

EARTH/SPACE SCIENCE:

 Documentation of passing two college courses in earth/space science, meteorology, oceanography, geology, or astronomy.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SCIENCE:

• Documentation of passing two college courses in the science area. - Minimum 2 different science areas.

PHYSICS:

Documentation of passing two college courses in physics, including a laboratory experience.

READING AND WRITING TEACHER:

• In order to pursue this endorsement, the candidate must be certified as an educator in another area.

MATHEMATICS - Grades 7-12 (Secondary):

Documentation of passing two college courses in calculus or its equivalent.

MATHEMATICS - Grades 5-8 (Middle School):

• Documentation of passing one college course in calculus or its equivalent.

ENGLISH FOR SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES:

- Documentation of passing one college course in linguistics and one English as a Second Language college course, or two college courses in world language; or
- Documentation of competence in reading, writing, and speaking a world language.

WORLD LANGUAGES:

- Documentation of passing two college courses in a world language; or
- Documentation of competence in reading, writing, and speaking the language.

BUSINESS ADMINISTRATOR:

 Documentation of academic preparation or work experience in budget management, purchasing, inventory, and personnel management.

COMPREHENSIVE FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCE:

• Documentation of two college courses and/or work experience in two of the five program areas: **1.** Human Growth and Development, or Early Childhood, or Parenting; **2.** Family or Interpersonal Relationships; **3.** Consumer and Resource Management; **4.** Foods, Nutrition, or Wellness, **5a)** Fashion or Interior Design *or* **5b)** Hospitality, Tourism or Facilities Management.

COMPREHENSIVE TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION:

- Documentation of academic preparation or experience in two of the four program components:
 - 1. communications technology; 2. construction technology; 3. manufacturing technology; 4. energy, power, and transmission technology.

LIBRARY MEDIA SPECIALIST:

- Documentation of passing two college courses in Library Science or
- Employer documented experience as a Librarian

READING AND WRITING SPECIALIST:

Documentation of a bachelor's degree;

SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST:

- Documentation of passing college coursework/experience in psychology and experience in school psychology:
- · Master's degree.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER:

- Preparation in social work;
- Master's level program in Social Work by plan completion.

SPEECH/LANGUAGE SPECIALIST:

- Documentation of a bachelor's degree in Speech Pathology or Communications Disorders.
- By plan completion, candidates for Speech/Language Specialist must obtain a Master's degree in Communication Disorders or a closely related area.
- 3. SPECIFIC INFORMATION REGARDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALTIES, e. g, Animal Science, Auto Mechanics. Building Construction, Child Services, Electronics, Mechanics, Plumbing, Robotics, TV Production, Welding (Bachelor degree not required):
- · Documentation of bachelor degree or higher in a career and technical education related area or
- Documentation of two (2) years of employer verified work experience in a career and technical area and official transcript if the candidate holds an associate degree or higher or
- Documentation of four (4) years of employer verified work experience in a career and technical area and a high school diploma if the candidate does not have a college degree and
- Copy of professional/trade license, if applicable.

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